CALFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA) AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE (AIC)

Meeting Minutes
Telephone Conference
April 24, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ross Wileman, Chairman Carlos Vasquez John Lamb Rob Wedin Mark Wollam

ABSENT

Roger Essick Reuben Hofshi, Alternate Bob Bednar, Alternate

AVOCADO INSPECTION PROGRAM

Donella Boreham (CDFA) Jim Covey (AIP)

GUESTS

Phil Gilligan Chris Varvel Kurt Floren, LA Co. Ag. Commissioner

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

Chairman Ross Wileman called the Telephone Conference meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

ITEM 2: DISCUSS AB 520/REVIEW ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY MATRIX

Kurt Floren, Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner, reviewed AB 520 and the Administrative Penalty Matrix with the committee.

The committee discussed the proposed guidelines and administrative civil penalties matrix and how it would provide the county agricultural commissioners and California Department of Food and Agriculture with an effective tool for addressing violations of standardization and avocado regulations.

MOTION: John Lamb moved to support AB 520 (the Guideline and Administrative Penalties Matrix). Carlos Vasquez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wileman adjourned the Telephone Conference meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donella Boreham, Program Supervisor Avocado Inspection Program Inspection and Compliance Inspection Services